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1. This award is revised to extend the budget/project period for 12 months in accordance with the grantee's notification letter dated 5/29/92.
2. Any general program income accruing under this grant may be used in accordance with the additional costs alternative described in 45 CFR Part 74 Subpart F [74.42(e)].
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4. This project is in its final year of recommended support. In the event the project is not renewed or further extended, Public Health Service policy requires submission of the following final reports within 90 days after the grant's final budget period expires:
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**Final Report  
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**Title of the Project:** Laser-excited Raman Spectroscopy of Biopolymers

**Period covered:** September 1, 1987 - August 31, 1993.

**Institution:** Georgia Institute of Technology

The main objectives of the project during the above period are to explore, develop and exploit the information content of resonance Raman spectra of hemoproteins with special emphasis on the detection / interpretation of metal-axial ligand vibrations and their utilization for understanding the mechanisms of protein control of heme reactivity. We have collaborated extensively with Professor Klaus Gersonde of Technical University of Aachen (Germany), and Dr. K. Nagai of Medical Research Council (UK). Prof. Gersonde had provided us with the samples of insect hemoglobin *Chironomus thummi thummi*, while Dr. Nagai supplied us with human mutant Hb's obtained *via* site-directed mutagenesis. These collaborations have been quite fruitful, producing numerous publications as listed below. We have also carried out resonance Raman studies on ligand binding to model compounds, which provide new insight into the exact nature of metal-ligand bonds and their relations with ligand binding affinities. In addition, we have employed near-infrared Fourier Transform Raman technique to study fluorescent or photolabile biomolecules, which were not possible for Raman studies using excitation in the visible region.

The personnel who have worked on the project:

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Gersonde, K.	Research Collaborator (Germany)
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Nie, S.	Postdoctoral Research Associate, becoming Assistant Professor at Indiana University
Tsubaki, M.	Research Collaborator, Summer Res. Associate
Castillo, C.	Graduate Student, completed her Ph.D. degree
Zhang, Fuli	Research Associate
Liu, H.-H.	Graduate Student, completed her M.Sc. degree
Renaud, J.-P.	Vist. Scientist (collaborator) (France)
Tame, Jeremy	Vist. Scientist (collaborator) (UK)
Cai, Ming-Zhi	Research Associate
Chopra, Manu	Graduate Student, will complete his Ph.D. in March 1995
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Significant findings may be summarized as follows:

- (a) We made the first comparison of the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequencies in iron porphyrins ( $\sim 527\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and hemoproteins ( $\sim 554\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) to assess the protein's effect on the Fe-NO bond. The electronic trans effect was investigated by preparing complexes with N-methylimidazole, pyridine, and tetrahydrofuran as proximal ligands, and steric effects were assessed by comparing hindered (1,2-dimethylimidazole) and unhindered (N-methylimidazole) axial bases. Surprisingly, the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO}$  bond strength proved insensitive to alterations in the trans base. The results were contrasted with  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-O}_2$ , and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CN}$  studies, in which the iron-ligand bond strength was found to be dramatically affected by properties of the proximal ligand.
- (b) The nitridochromium (V) porphyrin complex was produced by UV irradiation of the azide complexes of the chromium (III)-protoporphyrin-IX. The Cr(V)-N stretching mode was observed at  $1010\text{ cm}^{-1}$  by resonance Raman spectroscopy. The force constant of  $6.7\text{ mdyn/\AA}$  for the Cr(V)-N bond was found, consistent with that for the metal-nitrogen triple bond.
- (c) Surface-Enhanced hyper-Raman Spectroscopy: We have demonstrated the effect of excitation pulse width on hyper-Raman intensity. We have shown that SEHR technique provides new vibrational information for non-centrosymmetric molecules. Surface-enhanced hyper-Raman signals from gold and copper colloids were demonstrated.
- (d) Raman Evidence for Non-coupling of individual 2- and 4- Vinyl Vibrational Modes in Cyano-met Hb: By studying cyano-met CTT Hbs reconstituted with protoheme-IX selectively deuterated at vinyl and 2,4-vinyls, pemphotheme, isopemphotheme, and symmetric hemes (protoheme-III and -XIII), we have obtained unequivocal evidence that the highly localized vinyl C=C stretching vibrations at the 2 and 4 positions are non-coupling and inequivalent.
- (e) The Origin of the Distal Steric Effect in Carbonmonoxy Hemoglobin: We have obtained new insight into the origin of the distal effect in Hb·CO. Dr. Nagai provided us with human mutant Hbs having: (1) His( $\alpha$ E7) replaced by Gln or Gly; (2) His( $\beta$ E7) by Gln, Val, Gly or Phe; (3) Val( $\alpha$ E11) by Ala, Leu or Ile; (4) Val( $\beta$ E11) by Ala, Met, Leu or Ile; and (5) Phe(CD1) by Gly or Tyr. The effects of

these mutations on the vibrational properties of the Fe-C and C-O bonds in carbonmonoxy Hb A have been studied by Soret-excited resonance Raman spectroscopy. It is concluded that the origin of the distal steric effect that causes the off-axis CO bonding is not the steric bulk of the E-7 residue. Instead, it may be the repulsive polar interactions between the lone-pair electrons of the N<sub>E</sub> and those of the carbonyl oxygen.

- (f) Resonance Raman Probe of Heme-Rotational Disorder in Cyano-met CTT Hbs: We have identified two Fe-C-N Bending Vibrations attributable to heme-rotational components in deuterio-IX and meso-IX reconstituted CTTs.
- (g) Near-Infrared FT-Raman Spectroscopy for the Studies of Photolabile and Fluorescent Biomolecules: For the first time, we reported the detection of the stretching vibration of the Co-C bond in photolabile B<sub>12</sub> and model compounds by near-IR excited FT-Raman spectroscopy. This opens up the possibility of directly monitoring the Co-C bond in various B<sub>12</sub> complexes.
- (h) Assessment of Factors Affecting the Co-C Bonds in B<sub>12</sub> Models: We have assess the importance of various factors such as trans electronic effect, trans steric effect, environmental effect, which influence the Co-C bond stretch (hence Co-C bond strength).
- (i) No Change in Nitrosyl Bonding Geometry in Mb·NO between 20 °C and 77 °K: By single crystal EPR spectroscopy, the Fe-N-O bond angle in Mb·NO was found to change by temperature from 153° (at 20 °C) to 109° (at 77 °K). Unexpectedly, we found no change in the Fe-NO stretch at 554 cm<sup>-1</sup> between the two temperatures, indicating no change in nitrosyl bonding geometry, The discrepancy simply indicates that EPR data need to be re-interpreted.
- (j) Unusual Ligand Binding to Liver Fluke Dd Hemoglobin: We have detected the Fe(II)-NO, Fe(II)-CO, and Fe(II)-O<sub>2</sub> stretching vibrations of Dd Hb at 567, 571 and 478 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Compared with the Fe(II)-NO stretching mode of Mb·NO and Hb·NO at 554 and 551 cm<sup>-1</sup>, the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  frequency for Dd Hb·NO is ~15 cm<sup>-1</sup> higher. On the other hand, the Fe<sup>II</sup>-CO stretch of Dd Hb·CO is ~32 cm<sup>-1</sup> lower than that of Mb·CO (507 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and HbA·CO (512 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The replacement of distal His by Tyr in Dd Hb indeed has a profound effect on the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  and  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO})$  vibrations.

## Resonance Raman Investigation of Nitric Oxide Bonding in Iron Porphyrins: Detection of the Fe–NO Stretching Vibration

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With Soret-excited resonance Raman spectroscopy (RRS), we have detected the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  and  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{--NO})$  stretching vibrations for several iron porphyrins, including octaethylporphyrin (OEP), tetraphenylporphyrin (TPP), heme-5, SP-13, SP-14, and SP-15. This result enables us to make the first comparison of the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  stretching frequencies in iron porphyrins ( $\sim 527\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and hemoproteins ( $\sim 554\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), which is of interest if the protein's effect on the Fe–NO bond is to be assessed. Solvent effects on the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}$  bond strength were significant; for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$ , the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  stretching frequency was observed  $5\text{ cm}^{-1}$  higher in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $527\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) than in benzene ( $522\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The electronic trans effect was investigated by preparing complexes with *N*-methylimidazole, pyridine, and tetrahydrofuran as proximal ligands, and steric effects were assessed by comparing hindered (1,2-dimethylimidazole) and unhindered (*N*-methylimidazole) axial bases. Interestingly, the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}$  bond strength proved insensitive to alterations in the trans base. These results are contrasted with previous  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--CO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--O}_2$ , and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{--CN}$  studies, in which the iron–ligand bond strength was found to be dramatically affected by properties of the proximal ligand.

### Introduction

Nitrosyl complexes have been extensively investigated by X-ray diffraction,<sup>1–4</sup> infrared,<sup>4,5</sup> electron spin resonance (EPR),<sup>6–10</sup> visible absorption,<sup>11–13</sup> extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS),<sup>14</sup> and resonance Raman spectroscopy (RRS).<sup>15–23</sup> It is known that nitric oxide (NO) binds to both ferric and ferrous hemes with an unusually high affinity.<sup>24</sup> With RRS, the Fe–NO bond can be readily monitored in terms of its stretching mode. The first detection of  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  in hemoproteins ( $554\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,

ferrous HbA–NO) was reported in 1977 by Chottard and Mansuy.<sup>15</sup> Somewhat later, Tsubaki and Yu<sup>22</sup> used RRS to study  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  ( $551\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $\nu(\text{N–O})$  ( $\sim 1623\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in nitrosyl-hemoglobin A (HbA) and myoglobin. For ferric hemoproteins, Benko and Yu<sup>25</sup> were the first to observe  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{--NO})$  and  $\delta(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{--N–O})$  in nitrosyl complexes of HbA and horseradish peroxidase. Recently, Choi et al.<sup>26</sup> have reported the resonance Raman detection of  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  for the five-coordinate  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{TPP})\text{--}(\text{NO})$ . However, no infrared or resonance Raman detection of  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  and  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{--NO})$  has been reported for the six-coordinate  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{porphyrin})(\text{base})(\text{NO})$  in the literature. Such information is essential for assessing the protein's influence on the Fe–NO moiety, since the protein systems are also six-coordinate (with histidine as the proximal base).

In this paper, we describe Soret-excited RRS studies of nitric oxide complexes of ferric and ferrous porphyrins. With nitric oxide isotope substitution, the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  and  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{--NO})$  stretching modes have been clearly identified at  $\sim 602$  and  $\sim 524\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. The protein's influence on the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  stretching frequency ( $\sim 30\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) is indeed significant. We have also investigated the effects of the solvent and trans base on the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}$  bond. Trans bases of different strengths (*N*-methylimidazole, pyridine, tetrahydrofuran) were studied, and sterically hindered (1,2-dimethylimidazole) and unhindered (*N*-methylimidazole) bases were also compared. We were surprised to find that the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}$  bond is insensitive to the nature of the trans ligand. Solvent effects on the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  stretching frequency were investigated by comparing complexes of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  in benzene, tetrahydrofuran, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, and methylene chloride. The  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  stretching frequency was generally observed to increase for solvents of higher dipole moment.

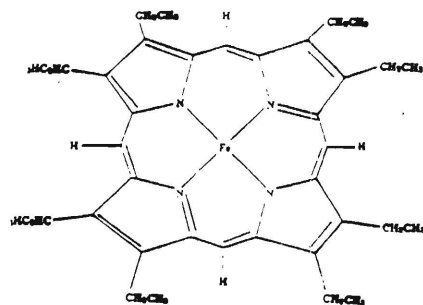
### Experimental Section

Iron(III) octaethylporphyrin (OEP) chloride was obtained from Strem Chemicals (Newburyport, MA), while iron(III) *meso*-tetraphenylporphyrin (TPP) bromide was purchased from Midcentury (Posen, IL). Both porphyrins were used without further purification. Heme 5, as well

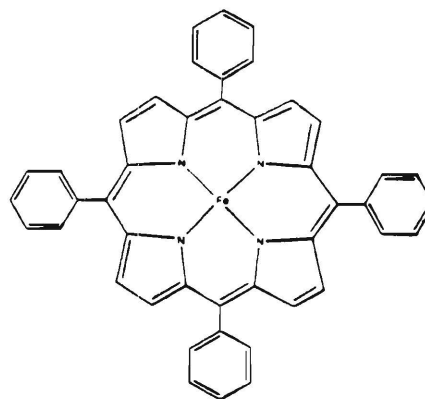
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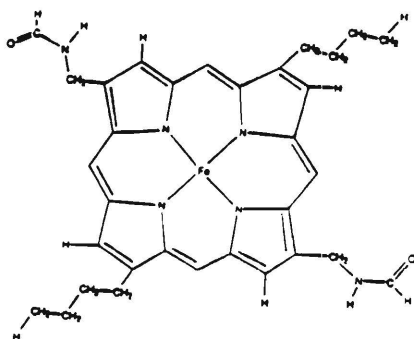




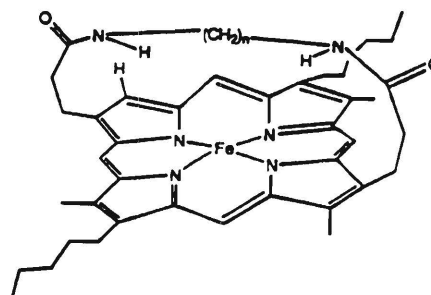
Iron Octaethylporphyrin



Iron Tetraphenylporphyrin



Heme 5



FeSP-13  $n=5$   
 FeSP-14  $n=6$   
 FeSP-15  $n=7$

**Figure 1.** Chemical structures of iron porphyrins.

as the strapped hemes (FeSP-13, FeSP-14, FeSP-15), was synthesized according to literature methods.<sup>27</sup> The NO complexes of these ferric porphyrins (200  $\mu$ M) were prepared with tetrahydrofuran (THF, 0.10 M), *N*-methylimidazole (*N*-MeIm, 0.15 M), 1,2-dimethylimidazole (1,2-DiMeIm, 0.15 M), and pyridine (0.15 M) as proximal bases in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution. For preparation of the ferrous complex, methanol (0.1 M) was added to the porphyrin/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /base solution prior to the addition of the NO gas; methanol is known to act as a catalyst in the autoreduction of ferric porphyrins by NO.<sup>20</sup> The sample solution was placed in a quartz Raman cell, which was immediately sealed and evacuated. Nitric oxide (from Aldrich, Milwaukee, WI) was then introduced at a pressure of  $\sim 1$  atm. The isotope-substituted complexes were prepared similarly with  $^{15}\text{N}^{16}\text{O}$  (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Richmond, CA), and  $^{15}\text{N}^{18}\text{O}$  (ICON Services, Summit, NJ).

All reagents were purified prior to use. Methylene chloride was stirred over concentrated sulfuric acid, neutralized with a 10%  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution, dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and distilled from phosphorus pentoxide. Pyridine and *N*-MeIm were distilled from KOH, while 1,2-DiMeIm and methanol were distilled from Na and Mg, respectively. Reagent grade tetrahydrofuran was used as received from Fisher Scientific (Fair Lawn, NJ).

The multichannel laser Raman system has been described previously.<sup>28</sup> The 406.7-nm line of a Spectra-Physics (Mountain View, CA) Model 171 krypton ion laser was employed for excitation. The laser used to obtain each spectrum is listed in the figure captions. To minimize photodissociation and localized heating, the Raman cell was kept spinning throughout the entire data acquisition process. The entrance slit of the monochromator had a width and height of 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1 cm, respectively. Fenchone was used to calibrate the spectra; peak positions are considered accurate to  $\pm 2$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

## Results and Discussion

**Identification of the  $\nu(\text{Fe}-\text{NO})$  Stretching Vibration.** We have studied the effects of nitric oxide isotope substitution on the low-

(100–700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and high (1300–1900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) frequency regions of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{THF})(\text{NO})$  spectra. (See Figure 1 for structures of all the iron porphyrins studied in this work.) The substitutions reveal one isotope-sensitive line at 527  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{THF})-(^{14}\text{N}^{16}\text{O})$ , which shifts to 519  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $^{15}\text{N}^{16}\text{O}$ ) and to 512  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $^{15}\text{N}^{18}\text{O}$ ) (see Figure 2). It is clear that this line corresponds to the 554- $\text{cm}^{-1}$  mode in nitrosyl HbA assigned by others<sup>15</sup> as  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$ . Careful examination of the spectral region from 400 to 500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  reveals no  $\delta(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{N}-\text{O})$  bending mode for any of the porphyrins studied.

Because the autoreduction of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  to  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  is very slow ( $\sim 48$  h), we were able to study the effects of nitric oxide isotope substitution on the low- and high-frequency regions of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  spectra. In Figure 3, an isotope-sensitive line appears at 602  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})-(^{14}\text{N}^{16}\text{O})$ , which shifts to 596  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})-(^{15}\text{N}^{16}\text{O})$ . Other ferric porphyrins studied include  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{heme-5})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  (602  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ),  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{SP-14})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  (603  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{SP-15})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  (601  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). As was the case for the ferrous porphyrins, no bending modes were observed in the spectra. This result is not surprising in view of the linearity of the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}-\text{NO}$  system, which is expected on the basis of the total number of electrons (6) in the metal *d* and ligand  $\pi^*$  orbitals.<sup>29</sup> It is of interest to point out that previous RRS studies of sterically hindered carbonmonooxy strapped hemes<sup>30</sup> indicated that distortion of the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{C}-\text{O}$  linkage enhances the intensity of  $\delta(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{C}-\text{O})$  relative to that of  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{CO})$ . While the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}-\text{NO}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{CO}$  systems are isoelectronic, the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{CO}$  bond length of 1.77 Å observed for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{TPP})(\text{pyridine})-$

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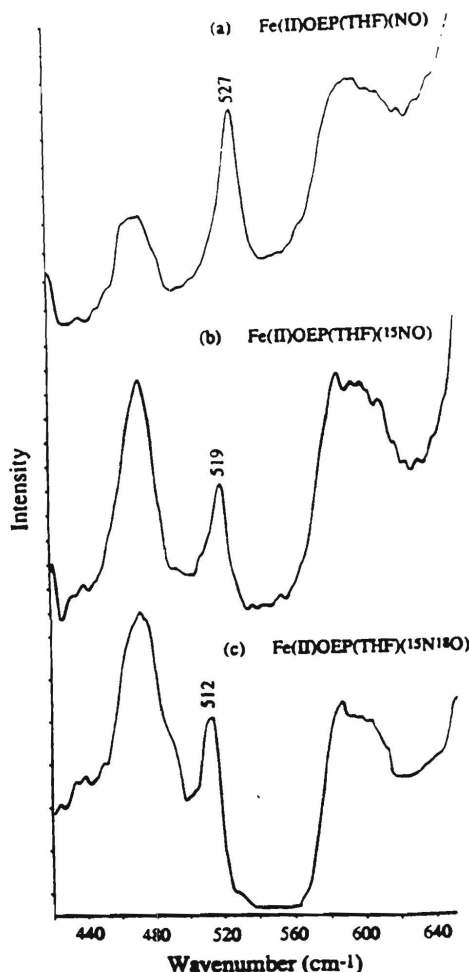


Figure 2. Nitric oxide isotope effects on the low-frequency region (420–650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) spectra of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{THF})(\text{NO})$ .  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 406.7 \text{ nm}$ ; laser power = 40 mW at the sample. Because only small portions of the spectra are displayed in each figure, it should be mentioned that all features of our RRS data are in good agreement with those previously published for metalloctaethylporphyrins.<sup>60</sup>

(CO)<sup>31</sup> is much longer than the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}$  bond investigated in this paper, because the observed  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--CO})$  stretch ( $486 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )<sup>30</sup> is much lower than  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  of  $602 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  reported here. It is well-known<sup>29</sup> that the stretching frequency can be correlated with the force constant and bond length. We suggest that the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}$  bond of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{SP-14})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{SP-15})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  is short enough to prevent geometric distortion of the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}$  linkage by the strap. Therefore,  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}$  maintains its preferred linear configuration, and  $\delta(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--N--O})$  is not enhanced.

We have also identified  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  and  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{--NO})$  for several other iron porphyrins, and all of the results are given in Table I. It should be mentioned that unsuccessful attempts to observe  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$  in porphyrins were previously reported by Stong et al.<sup>20</sup> Both the excitation wavelength (454.5 nm) and detector (photomultiplier tube) were different from those employed in this study.

**Comparison of  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}]$  with the Isoelectronic  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--CO}]$  System.** In the absence of distal steric hindrance, both the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--CO}$  moieties are known to adopt linear configurations normal to the heme plane. X-ray and neutron scattering crystal structures of carbonmonooxy adducts of hemoproteins<sup>33–42</sup>

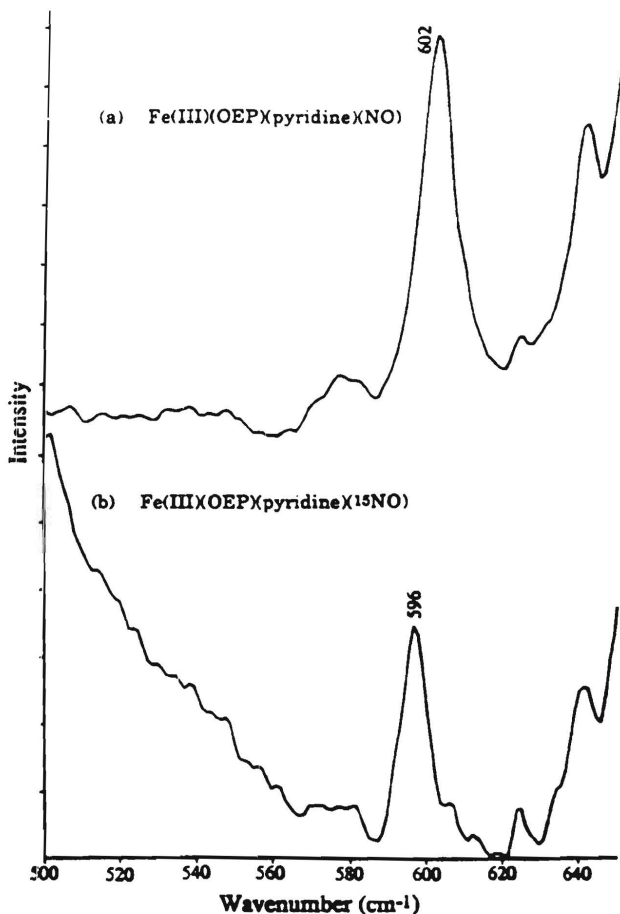


Figure 3. Nitric oxide isotope effects on the low-frequency region (500–650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) spectra of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$ .  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 406.7 \text{ nm}$ ; laser power = 40 mW at the sample.

Table I. Position of  $\nu(\text{Fe--NO})$  for Ferric and Ferrous Porphyrins

ferrous porphyrins	$\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--NO})$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
$\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	527
$\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{TPP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	527
$\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{heme-5})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	528
$\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{SP-13})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	528
$\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{SP-14})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	526
$\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{SP-15})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	524
ferric porphyrins	$\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{--NO})$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
$\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	602
$\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{heme-5})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	602
$\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{SP-14})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	603
$\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{SP-15})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$	601

reveal that nonbonded contacts in the heme pocket force the bound CO out of its preferred linear configuration. Li and Spiro<sup>43</sup> have suggested that these protein-induced distortions result mainly in tilting rather than bending of the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--CO}$  unit. Yu et al.,<sup>30</sup> in studies of sterically hindered carbonmonooxy strapped hemes, observed that distortions in the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--CO}$  linkage resulted in an increase in the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{--CO})$  stretching frequency. It is of interest to ask whether or not similar distortions occur in NO adducts of ferric hemoproteins.

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The similar  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO})$ 's for ferric HRP-NO ( $604\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), ferric Mb-NO ( $595\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ),<sup>25</sup> and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  ( $602\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) indicate that the protein's effect on the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO}$  bond is small, compared with the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO}$  system. Previously, the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO})$  stretching frequency was observed  $16\text{ cm}^{-1}$  higher for MbCO ( $512\text{ cm}^{-1}$ )<sup>44</sup> than for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(N\text{-methylimidazole})\text{-CO}$  ( $496\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>32</sup> For Mb, the relative stretching frequencies of  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO})$  ( $595\text{ cm}^{-1}$ )<sup>25</sup> and  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO})$  ( $512\text{ cm}^{-1}$ )<sup>44</sup> suggest that the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO}$  bond is stronger than the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO}$  bond. However, to avoid being misled by mass effects, we calculated the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO})$  stretching frequency (for Mb-CO) on the basis of corrected mass normalized to the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO}$  system. We then obtained a value of  $501\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO})$ . These frequency numbers ( $501\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO}$ ,  $595\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO}$ ) do indeed correlate with a force constant that is highest for the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO}$  bond. While X-ray data for nitrosyl adducts of ferric hemoproteins are unavailable, a comparison of the stretching frequencies indicates that the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO}$  bond is strongest and hence the shortest. Evidently the strength of the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO}$  bond renders it less susceptible to protein distortions. It is plausible that this bond is short enough not to sterically interfere with bulky amino acid residues near the binding site.

**Protein Effect.** The results presented here facilitate the first comparison of the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequencies in model compounds and hemoproteins. For  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(N\text{-MeIm})(\text{NO})$ ,  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  was detected at  $524\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , ca.  $30\text{ cm}^{-1}$  lower than that observed for nitrosyl HbA ( $\sim 554\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>15</sup> An interesting observation evolves from the comparison of protein effects on  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-O}_2$ . While both of these moieties maintain bent geometries, the protein effect on  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-O}_2$ <sup>23,49</sup> is much smaller than that on  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO}$ , and the NO binding to  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$ -heme in Hb is  $\sim 1000$  times stronger than  $\text{O}_2$  binding.<sup>24</sup>

To obtain a more definitive assessment of the protein's effect on the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO}$  bond, we have carried out resonance Raman studies of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{PP})(N\text{-MeIm})(\text{NO})$  (PP = protoporphyrin IX) in aqueous solution at alkaline pH. Because iron protoporphyrin IX is present in Hb and Mb, comparisons of the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequency in Mb-NO and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{PP})(N\text{-MeIm})(\text{NO})$  should reflect only the effects of the protein. Unfortunately, slight background fluorescence prevented observation of  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  for the protoporphyrin IX system. But the comparisons we have made between  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(N\text{-MeIm})(\text{NO})$  and Mb-NO and Hb-NO are still useful, because alterations in the heme group have only a slight effect on  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  (see Table I). Furthermore, the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-CO})$  stretching frequencies reported for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{PP})(N\text{-MeIm})(\text{CO})$  ( $497\text{ cm}^{-1}$ )<sup>45</sup> and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(N\text{-MeIm})(\text{CO})$  ( $496\text{ cm}^{-1}$ )<sup>32</sup> are very similar.

**Trans Effect.** Assuming that the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-N-O}$  geometry is not affected by a change in the trans ligand, the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequency may be correlated with the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO}$  bond strength (or bond length). In this work, we have examined the influence of trans ligands on the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequency. The ligands studied were *N*-methylimidazole (*N*-MeIm), pyridine, and tetrahydrofuran (THF). It is also interesting to compare the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequency in complexes with *N*-methylimidazole and 1,2-dimethylimidazole (1,2-DiMeIm) as proximal bases. The methyl group in the 2-position of 1,2-DiMeIm sterically interferes with the porphyrin plane, thereby lengthening the Fe-N bond (N represents the N atom of the proximal base). Iron porphyrin complexes with 1,2-DiMeIm provide an excellent model for the tense (or low affinity) state of hemoglobin.<sup>46</sup> Results for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(N\text{-MeIm})(\text{NO})$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(1,2\text{-DiMeIm})(\text{NO})$ ,

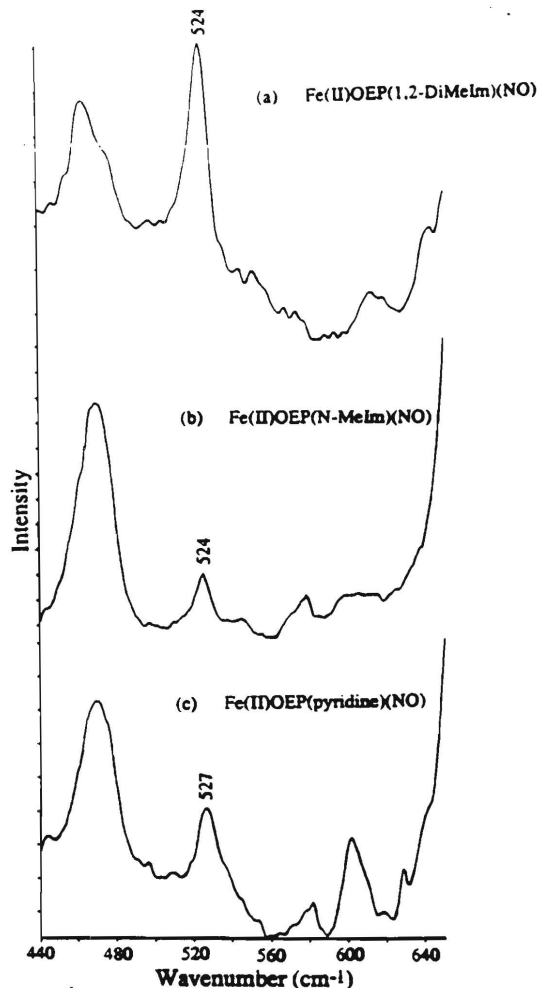


Figure 4. Effects of steric and electronic properties of the trans ligand on  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  in the low-frequency region ( $440\text{--}650\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) spectra of nitrosyliron(II) OEP complexes. The laser power was  $40\text{ mW}$  (at the sample) in (a) and (c) and  $30\text{ mW}$  in (b).  $\lambda = 406.7\text{ nm}$ .

and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  are shown in Figure 4, while the spectrum of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{THF})(\text{NO})$  is displayed in Figure 1. Interestingly,  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  proved insensitive to both electronic and steric trans effects. Kincaid et al.<sup>47</sup> have previously noted similar behavior of  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  of nitrosyl adducts of ferrous cytochrome P450cam. The authors report that the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequency was not altered by proximal cysteine ligation. Apparently, bending of the Fe-N-O linkage substantially increases the energy of the  $d_{xy}\text{-}\pi$  orbitals,<sup>47,48</sup> thus rendering the transfer of a lone pair on the axial sulfur energetically unfavorable.

To make certain that we were not studying the bis(nitrosyl) adduct,  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{NO})_2$ , we prepared this adduct and studied its Raman and absorption spectra. In the absence of any base,  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{NO})_2$  can be readily formed under our experimental conditions.<sup>49</sup> The absorption spectrum obtained from this complex was significantly different from that obtained for the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{base})(\text{NO})$  complexes (data not shown). Additionally, we observed an isotope-sensitive line at  $519\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the resonance Raman spectrum of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(^{14}\text{N}^{16}\text{O})_2$ ; this line shifts to  $514\text{ cm}^{-1}$  upon substitution by  $^{15}\text{N}^{16}\text{O}$ . The  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequency detected for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{NO})_2$  ( $519\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) is indeed significantly different from that observed for  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{base})(\text{NO})$  ( $\sim 527\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).

Additionally, we have monitored the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequency under conditions which we can be positive that the trans ligand is coordinated.  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{OEP})(\text{pyridine})(\text{NO})$  was prepared in neat pyridine, and  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  was detected at  $526\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (spectrum not shown).  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  was also observed at

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**Table II.** Comparison of the Trans Effects for CO, O<sub>2</sub>, CN, and NO Complexes of Iron Porphyrins: Results from Resonance Raman Spectroscopy

complex	$\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{CO})$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	ref
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TpivPP)(THF)(CO)	527	32
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TpivPP)(pyridine)(CO)	486	32
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TpivPP)( <i>N</i> -MeIm)(CO)	489	32
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TpivPP)(1,2-DiMeIm)(CO)	496	32
complex	$\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{O}_2)$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	ref
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TpivPP)( <i>N</i> -MeIm)(O <sub>2</sub> )	571	51
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TpivPP)(1,2-DiMeIm)(O <sub>2</sub> )	561	51
complex	$\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}-\text{CN})$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	ref
Fe <sup>III</sup> (SP-15)( <i>N</i> -MeIm)(CN)	447	52
Fe <sup>III</sup> (SP-15)(pyridine)(CN)	456	52
Fe <sup>III</sup> (SP-15)(1,2-DiMeIm)(CN)	446	52
complex	$\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	ref
Fe <sup>II</sup> (OEP)(THF)(NO)	527	this work
Fe <sup>II</sup> (OEP)( <i>N</i> -DiMeIm)(NO)	524	this work
Fe <sup>II</sup> (OEP)(1,2-DiMeIm)(NO)	524	this work
Fe <sup>II</sup> (OEP)(pyridine)(NO)	527	this work

525 cm<sup>-1</sup> for both Fe<sup>II</sup>(OEP)(*N*-methylimidazole)(NO) (in neat *N*-methylimidazole) and Fe<sup>II</sup>(OEP)(1,2-dimethylimidazole)(NO) (in neat 1,2-dimethylimidazole). Clearly, these new results unambiguously demonstrate that  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$  is insensitive to electronic/steric properties of the trans base.

This lack of an electronic trans effect has been noted previously for the Mn<sup>II</sup>-NO system. Yu et al.<sup>50</sup> reported almost no difference in the  $\nu(\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$  stretching frequencies observed for Mn<sup>II</sup>(heme-5)(*N*-MeIm)(NO) (629 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and Mn<sup>II</sup>(heme-5)(piperidine)(NO) (630 cm<sup>-1</sup>). In contrast, other ligand systems such as Fe<sup>II</sup>-CO<sup>32</sup>, Fe<sup>II</sup>-O<sub>2</sub>,<sup>51</sup> and Fe<sup>III</sup>-CN,<sup>52</sup> are known to exhibit significant trans effects. In Table II, we compare the sensitivities of the Fe<sup>II</sup>-CO, Fe<sup>II</sup>-O<sub>2</sub>, Fe<sup>III</sup>-CN, and Fe<sup>II</sup>-NO bonds to alterations in the proximal base. Results in Table II indicate that, while the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{CO})$  stretching frequency for Fe<sup>II</sup>(TpivPP)(pyridine)(CO) is 41 cm<sup>-1</sup> lower than that of Fe<sup>II</sup>(TpivPP)(THF)(CO), the position of  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$  is identical (527 cm<sup>-1</sup>) for Fe<sup>II</sup>(OEP)(pyridine)(NO) and Fe<sup>II</sup>(OEP)(THF)(NO). These resonance Raman results are supported by X-ray crystallographic studies, and Table III compares the sensitivities of the Fe<sup>II</sup>-CO, Fe<sup>II</sup>-O<sub>2</sub>, Fe<sup>III</sup>-CN, and Fe<sup>II</sup>-NO bond lengths to the trans ligand identity. Interestingly, the Fe<sup>II</sup>-NO bond length is very similar for Fe<sup>II</sup>(TPP)(*N*-MeIm)(NO) (1.74 Å)<sup>3</sup> and Fe<sup>II</sup>(TPP)(4-methylpiperidine)(NO) (1.72 Å),<sup>4</sup> even though *N*-MeIm and 4-methylpiperidine are bases of different strengths. In contrast, the Fe<sup>II</sup>-CO bond distance is different in Fe<sup>II</sup>(deutero)(THF)(CO) (1.706 Å)<sup>52</sup> and Fe<sup>II</sup>(TPP)(pyridine)(CO) (1.77 Å).<sup>31</sup>

Similarly, the steric trans effect which is observed for CO, O<sub>2</sub>, and CN complexes of iron porphyrins is absent for the NO case. For example, the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{O}_2)$  stretching frequency for solid Fe<sup>II</sup>(TpivPP)(*N*-MeIm)(O<sub>2</sub>) appears 10 cm<sup>-1</sup> higher than that of the sterically hindered Fe<sup>II</sup>(TpivPP)(1,2-DiMeIm)(O<sub>2</sub>) complex,<sup>51</sup> while the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$  stretching frequency is observed at 524 cm<sup>-1</sup> for both Fe<sup>II</sup>(OEP)(*N*-MeIm)(NO) and Fe<sup>II</sup>(OEP)(1,2-DiMeIm)(NO). Results from previous RRS studies of Mn<sup>II</sup>-

**Table III.** Comparison of the Trans Effect for CO, O<sub>2</sub>, CN, and NO Complexes of Iron Porphyrins: Results from X-ray Crystallography

complex	Fe <sup>II</sup> -CO bond length (Å)	ref
Fe <sup>II</sup> (deutero)(THF)(CO)	1.706	53
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TPP)(pyridine)(CO)	1.77	31
complex	Fe <sup>II</sup> -O <sub>2</sub> bond length (Å)	ref
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TpivPP)( <i>N</i> -MeIm)(O <sub>2</sub> )	1.75	54,55
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TpivPP)(2-MeIm)(O <sub>2</sub> )	1.90	56,57
complex	Fe <sup>III</sup> -CN bond length (Å)	ref
Fe <sup>III</sup> (TPP)(pyridine)(CN)	1.908	61
Fe <sup>III</sup> (TPP)(CN) <sub>2</sub>	1.975	62
complex	Fe <sup>II</sup> -NO bond length (Å)	ref
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TPP)(4-MePip)(NO) <sup>a</sup>	1.72	4
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TPP)( <i>N</i> -MeIm)(NO)	1.74	3

<sup>a</sup> 4-MePip = 4-methylpiperidine.

**Table IV.** Solvent Dependence of the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$  Stretching Frequency

solvent	dipole moment (D)	complex	$\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
CCl <sub>4</sub>	0	Fe <sup>II</sup> (OEP)(pyridine)(NO)	523
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0	Fe <sup>II</sup> (OEP)(pyridine)(NO)	522
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	1.01	Fe <sup>II</sup> (OEP)(pyridine)(NO)	524
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	1.60	Fe <sup>II</sup> (OEP)(pyridine)(NO)	527
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	1.63	Fe <sup>II</sup> (OEP)(THF)(NO)	523

(heme-5)(*N*-MeIm)(NO) (629 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and Mn<sup>II</sup>(heme-5)(1,2-DiMeIm)(NO) (630 cm<sup>-1</sup>)<sup>50</sup> indicate that the strong Mn<sup>II</sup>-NO bond of this system is also unaffected by alterations in the steric properties of the proximal base.

These results are in conflict with those from earlier EPR studies of Fe<sup>II</sup>(protoheme)(base)(NO),<sup>19,57</sup> in which both basicity and steric hindrance of the trans base were found to influence hyperfine structures. This was interpreted as an indication of trans effects on the Fe<sup>II</sup>-NO bond. Discrepancies between RRS and EPR data have been noted previously in studies of nitrosyl complexes of metalloporphyrins.<sup>19,58,59</sup> It seems that, while EPR reflects only the distribution of the unpaired electron, the resonance Raman vibrational frequencies are a measure of the metal-ligand bond strength to which both s and p bonding contribute. Hence, hyperfine constants in EPR spectra are not necessarily a measure of metal-ligand bond strength.

**Solvent Effect.** It has been predicted<sup>60</sup> that, in simple "flat porphyrins" such as Fe<sup>II</sup>(OEP)(base)(NO), the ligand will be exposed to the solvent and show a marked dependence on its physical properties. In this regard, we investigated the effect of the solvent on the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$  stretching frequency, and these results are shown in Table IV. Apparently, nitric oxide does interact with the solvent. Dipole moments of the solvents are as follows in parentheses: CCl<sub>4</sub> (0 D), C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (0 D), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1.01 D), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.60 D), and C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O (1.63 D). In general, the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$  stretching frequency for solvents of higher polarity was higher, with THF providing a notable exception to this trend.

## Conclusions

We report the first detection of the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}-\text{NO})$  and  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}-\text{NO})$  stretching vibrations in protein-free porphyrins. This result

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is significant in two different aspects: (1) First, a comparison of the  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  and  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO})$  stretching frequencies in porphyrins and hemoproteins is now feasible. While  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  is observed  $\sim 30\text{ cm}^{-1}$  lower in porphyrins than in hemoproteins, the effects of the protein on  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-NO})$  are small. (2) Second, the detection of  $\nu(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO})$  in model porphyrins enabled us to study trans effects on this bond. The  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO}$  bond strength was determined to be independent of the electron-donating and

stereochemical properties of the trans base. Clearly, the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-NO}$  bond is unique in this respect, and future work may be directed toward understanding this system more fully.

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